



Military working dog handler Sgt. Veronica Pruhs, 520th MWD Det., 728th MP Bn., pushes herself with her K-9 partner Jerry resting on her shoulders during an obstacle course at the 2015 Hawaiian Islands Working Dog Skills Challenge hosted by the 728th MP Bn. at Schofield Barracks.

Working dog competition tests K-9 teams’ abilities

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Military and police working dog teams went nose to nose while competing in the 2015 Hawaiian Islands Working Dog Skills Challenge, hosted by the 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, here, July 27-31.

More than 25 working dog teams competed and represented the best from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Honolulu Police Department. The weeklong competition tested the mental and physical stamina of both the handlers and the working dogs, driving the teams to give it their all each day.

“Each event was designed to push them past a level of training they may not have experienced before,” said Sgt. 1st Class Cory Lorenz, kennel master, 520th Military Working Dog Detachment, 728th MP Bn. “We wanted to push them out of their comfort zone.”

One event proved particularly challenging for Sgt. Veronica Pruhs, a military working dog handler with the 520th MWD Detachment and her K-

9 partner, Jerry. Still considered a pup, Jerry had a difficult time navigating the obedience course, which had hundreds of doggy toys strewn about the course.

Despite K-9 Jerry’s determination to play with every toy on the course, Pruhs stuck with it and finished the event. “I didn’t give up,” Pruhs laughed. Lorenz said he couldn’t be happier with the teams and their dedication in competing in this year’s challenge.

“It gave them the opportunity to see their strengths and weaknesses,” said Lorenz.

Events ranged from a stress-shoot to tactical and non-tactical detections, a written skills test, an obedience course, handler protection and even a hardest hitting dog event, in which the K-9s were scored based on the strength of their bite by a decoy wearing a bite suit. Lastly, handlers had to negotiate an obstacle course while maintaining positive control over their K-9 counterparts.

While the competition was a challenge for military working dog handler Spc. David Kmosko and K-9 Drago, 520th MWD Det., Kmosko said it was also a great learning experience. “You’re always learning and it’s important to tap into that

knowledge that other handlers have,” said Kmosko. Kmosko also said that K-9s are important to have within the military and civilian police departments and stressed their unique capabilities.

“A dog can find a hidden IED that would take a person a wrong step to find, or an extremely expensive and slow-moving piece of equipment to find,” said Kmosko.

He added, “You’re not going to be able to beat a dog’s nose.”

Police Sgt. Gregory Obara, a working dog handler with HPD, also stressed the important role of K-9s and said that it was the dog’s unique and superior ability to detect people, drugs and bombs that helps to keep the islands safe. “The K-9 is the part that elevates the team,” said Obara. In addition to exchanging knowledge and building camaraderie, Lorenz said the competition also helped to establish connections within the working dog community. “Prior to this event, communication between the agencies was nearly nonexistent,” said Lorenz. Lorenz said this year’s competition was much larger than the one held in 2012 and added, “I hope we can build upon this and make it a tradition.”



Military working dog handler Staff Sgt. Daniel Lyon, 520th MWD Det., 728th MP Bn., carries his K-9 partner, “SFC” Zeno, during an obstacle course event hosted by the 728th MP Bn. at Schofield Barracks.

HEAVY LIFTING



Photo by Capt. Christopher Golab, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade

A Sea Stallion of the 463rd Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron lifts a SH-60 Seahawk using the 3rd Combat Logistics Battalion sling set during a joint DARTEX on at Bellows Air Force Station, Jul 30. See A4 for the story.



Courtesy photo

NPS offers view of Ford Isle event

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
News Release

HONOLULU — The National Park Service is opening the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center grounds, Aug. 15, as an alternate location for the public to view the world-class Nagaoka fireworks display planned to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific. The fireworks display will be launched from Ford Island and is the culmination of “70 Years of Peace” events planned by the U.S. Navy, the City of Nagaoka, Japan, and the City and County of Honolulu. The events are intended to remember those who lost their lives in WWII and to extend a hand of friendship and peace. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will close temporarily at 5 p.m. and will re-open at 5:30 p.m. The fireworks will begin at 8 p.m.. Music for the fireworks will be broadcast live on radio station 105.1 KINE. The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center will close to the public after the fireworks show has ended, approximately 8:30 p.m.



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Police Call

National Night Out makes community safer

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

For the past three years, the Directorate of Emergency Services has partnered with Island Palm Communities to bring National Night Out to the USARHAW community — and quite successfully, I might add. Two of the past three years have seen our National Night Out win national awards. We have been recognized for our partnerships with various community organizations, law enforcement agencies and, perhaps most importantly, the outstanding attendance from our community members.



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We have two NNO events scheduled this year.
•The first event is scheduled tonight, 4:30-7 p.m., at the Kaena Community Center (5485 Gallup Street, Schofield Barracks). Following the main event, there will be a movie showing at the community center, 7-9 p.m.
•For our community members in the south, the

NNO event is scheduled for Oct. 9 at the Aliamanu Community Center (182 Kauhini Road, Aliamanu Military Reservation). The main event will runs 4-6:30 p.m., again with a movie being shown immediately thereafter.

At these events, the DES and community partners will be out in force. Our bike patrol will be conducting a bike rodeo; our military working dogs will be doing a K-9 demonstration; the MP station will be issuing Keiki IDs; and McGruff the Crime Dog will make an appearance. In addition, Army Community Service, the

Police Beat Rollup

•Aliamanu Military Reservation
3 - Wrongful property damage

•Fort Shafter
1 - Traffic accident

•Helemano Military Reservation
1 - Larceny
1 - Domestic disturbance

•Schofield Barracks
5 - Domestic disturbance
5 - Larceny
2 - Traffic accidents
6 - Wrongful property damage
1 - Driving under the influence

•Tripler Army Medical Center
1 - Domestic disturbance

•Hawaii Armed Services Police
6 - Driving under the influence

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be there.

Please join us in this fantastic opportunity for community camaraderie!



Photo by Sarah Pacheco, Oahu Publications

Cub scouts have fun dressed up as fire trucks at the 30th Anniversary National Night Out at Kaena Community Center in August 2013.

Keeping communities safer

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. When this event first occurred back in 1984, there were approximately 2.5 million participants in 400 communities across 23 states. In the past 32 years, this annual event has grown to 38.1 million neighbors in 16,540 communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada, and U.S. military installations worldwide.

Unintended results come w/impulsive acts

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Growing up, I liked to bounce a hard rubber baseball off the brick of my parent’s house to practice my fielding.

Without a brother or sister to play with, this was entertainment when my friends were not around.

Unfortunately, there was a window just above where I threw the ball. As you may have already guessed, I made a spectacular, but errant, throw to first base and broke the window.

When my father arrived home from work, I explained I did not mean to break the window. While he was sympathetic, I was reminded I shouldn’t have been throwing under the window to begin with.

For the next few weeks, the allowance from chores was saved to pay for the broken window. I had learned a valuable lesson about failing to consider the consequences of my acts.

That same lesson applies to the workplace.

Very few of us plan to do something wrong or violate the rules and regulations when we come to work. However, sometimes we engage in acts resulting in unintended consequences, which we should have thought about before we acted.

Let’s consider the coworkers who get bored, en-

gage in a little harmless horseplay or decide to challenge each other to a silly contest. Eventually, the activity gets out of hand. The competition gets heated, leads to harsh words, hurt feelings and soon they are threatening one another.

Both parties have to be separated, security is called and each employee faces discipline for conduct unbecoming.

While neither party wanted this outcome, both failed to consider the consequences of their actions. Unlike the broken window, this unintended consequence could lead to a suspension.

In another scenario, an employee sees some scrap metal in a dumpster. He decides it is simply trash and no one really wants it. He fails to notice the recycling or government property logos on the container.

Without asking permission, he takes it, puts it in his vehicle and heads for the gate. However, a security guard notices the metal and asks about its origin.

Once it is determined to be government property, the employee is charged with theft. While the employee may not have intended to do anything wrong, he failed to consider the consequences of his actions. That failure could lead to losing the best job he ever had.

Finally, consider the employee who decides to make

sexually explicit comments and jokes in the workplace.

He or she may think no one will mind, that all he is doing is being funny and everyone enjoys it.

Once again, the employee has failed to consider the consequences of his act of disrespect in the workplace. The consequences of that failure to think ahead can result in adverse actions.

The key point is that there are legitimate reasons we have rules governing our behavior on the installation.

The prohibition of horseplay in the workplace is designed to prevent unintended consequences like physical confrontations and injuries.

The requirement to obtain proper authorization before removing government property, even scrap, is designed to prevent pilferage and reduce our cost of doing business.

The prohibitions against harassment and creating a hostile environment are established to ensure there is a safe and respectful workplace where employees will enjoy coming to work.

So, the next time you want to act on impulse, remember the lesson of the kid who broke the window. Think before you act and consider the consequences of what you are about to do. You will be responsible even for your unintended consequences.



All 86,400 seconds in a day have meaning

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Eighty-six thousand, four hundred, what is this obscure number? What could it represent that has any significance? 86,400 is the number of seconds that tick past in 24 hours ... a day.

No one pays much attention to the simple second, unless time is meaningful to you. The Soldier who passes the two-mile run with two seconds to spare will be elated, while two seconds too late equals defeat.

As I sit by the side of a dying patient, time takes on a whole new meaning. Time is our most precious resource. How have you been spending yours?

I love to see parents and their children playing and laughing together. That is a picture of life and health. I enjoy seeing couples walk along holding hands, watching a sun-



Schlichter

set. My grandchildren spent two weeks here on Oahu, and I treasure every second we spent together. Then comes the day we take the trip back to the airport. Time stops for no one, and time lost can never be retrieved.

I think of the loved one who grieves the loss of their lifelong companion and how they long for one more day. We are only given so many days on this earth.

How are you investing yours? Are you building up the people around you, or are you a “Wreck It Ralph”? Do your children love when you come home in the evening, or do they fear your arrival? Worse still, do they even notice?

Is your faith something you cherish, or is it just a passing comma of your past. Our lives are gifts and we get to choose how we spend them. So, how vitally important is your

video game score?

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16

It’s your life, it is precious; spend it wisely.



Voices of O'hana

In recognition of Purple Heart Day,
How do you define courage?

By 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs



“Having personal integrity, the guts, to do something that’d potentially put yourself in harms way and fighting the fear to do it anyways.”

Sgt. Nathan D. Munson
Cytological linguist
2nd SBCT



“Doing something that you are supposed to do at all times. It’s something you want to do to help others or that you just think is right.”

Spc. Mynr Perez
Cannon crew,
2nd SBCT



“Putting on the uniform, joining in a time of war. giving your life for something greater than yourself.”

Pfc. Kody Razor
Combat engineer
2nd SBCT



“Being able to do the right thing and not feel scared to do it. Knowing what you need to do it and how to do it.”

Pvt. Victoria Rollins
Cable systems installer
2nd SBCT



“You overcome your fears and even when you are down you find that inner strength to keep moving forward.”

Spc. Juan Salazar
Infantryman
2nd SBCT

Sustainers join Pacific ohana after 8-year mission

Story and photos by
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FORT SHAFTER — In October 2006, the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade, originally scheduled for activation, here, was activated at Balad Air Base, Iraq, due to mission requirements of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the unit’s continuous eight years and nine months of support to the Army Central Command as the 402nd, the unit assumed responsibility for Army Field Support Battalions Kuwait and Qatar as well as the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program in Iraq and Kuwait (LOGCAP provides contingency support to augment the Army force structure).

After their extensive commitment to Army CENTCOM theater-level operations, the unit was finally given the opportunity to join the Pacific ohana at Fort Shafter on Monday.

“So now the 402nd assumes operations in the Pacific Command region, including support to units based in Hawaii and Alaska,” said Maj. Gen. Kevin O’Connell, the commanding general for the Army Sustainment Command. “That is broad geographic region with quite a contrasting climate, but I am confident that the 402nd is ready to cover any area of responsibility and take on any new and diverse mission they may be called on to execute.”

The unit uncased its colors and conducted a change of command and change of responsibility. Col. Robert Dawson and Command Sgt. Maj. Cheryl Greene, the outgoing 402nd AFSB command team, relinquished control to Col. Anthony McQueen and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Morrison.

This is the first 402nd change of command and responsibility to occur in a garrison environment (or on Oahu) and to be witnessed by fel-

low service members, families and friends.

“It is always a privilege to command,” said McQueen. “It is my distinct honor to get this opportunity to lead the 402nd AFSB in its next chapter of its history, where we will provide outstanding sustainment support to the Soldiers, civilians and families serving in the Pacific region.” As McQueen ended the ceremony, he re-emphasized the unit’s commitment to their new mission.

“We step off this field today as one team focused on providing outstanding strategic sustainment support throughout the Pacific region,” said McQueen. “Power forward, on the line, one team.”



Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Morrison, incoming 402nd AFSB senior enlisted adviser, passes the unit colors to the guidon bearer after assuming responsibility for the unit at the Palm Circle gazebo, Fort Shafter, Aug. 3.

TSG sees ‘4-in-1’ change

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FORT SHAFTER FLATS — With the trade winds blowing strong, friends, family and fellow Soldiers witnessed an event they’d never seen before — the U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group-Pacific hosted a change of command for all of its detachment commanders, here.

Four commanders representing two states, two territories and a commonwealth changed command in a consolidated ceremony on the Field of Heroes at the U.S. Army Reserve Daniel K. Inouye Complex, Sunday.

Col. Twanda “Tia” Young, commander, USAR TSG-Pacific moved down the line passing detachment colors, one by one, to the four incoming commanders.

Detachment Marianas, which includes Guam and Saipan, changed command from Lt. Col.

Hurel Johnson to Lt. Col. Paul Wynn; Detachment American Samoa changed from Col. Michael Seguin to Lt. Col. Clinton Seybold; Detachment Alaska switched from Lt. Col. Gary Keith to Lt. Col. Anthony Ely; and Maj. Suzanne Rodriguez assumed command of Detachment Oahu.

Young began her remarks with “aloha, talofa and hafa adai” (hello in Hawaiian, Samoan and Chamorro, respectively).

The 9th Mission Support Command is the most ethnically diverse, geographically dispersed Army Reserve Unit.

“The ceremony had a very good turnout with many family and friends. It’s a great day to be a 9th MSC Soldier,” said Col. Kimo Dunn, representing the 9th MSC.

In the tradition of the Pacific Army Reserve, all four incoming commanders shared a robust meal with all involved and “talked story.”



Col. Steven Araki (left), outgoing commander, 4960th MFTB, shares a word with Col. David Chovancek, incoming commander, following the change-of-command ceremony here, Sunday. Chovancek comes from Illinois, where he served as the Emergency Preparedness liaison officer for the 76th Readiness Operational Command; Araki will become the 9th MSC’s chief of staff.

New 4960th MFTB leader to build on Araki’s legacy

Story and photos by
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FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Friends, Soldiers, ohana and guests attended the 4960th Multi-Functional Training Brigade change-of-command ceremony, here, Sunday.

The 4960th MFTB falls under the 9th Mission Support Command and serves a very important role for Soldiers in the Pacific.

Warriors of the 4960th stood proudly in formation as command passed from the outgoing commander, Col. Steven Araki, to the incoming commander, Col. David Chovancek.

Col. Wolfgang Junge, deputy commander, 9th Mission Support Command, presided over the ceremony.

“The challenge is to build upon the legacy of the unit’s success under Col. Araki’s leadership,” said Junge.

Araki leaves brigade command to take over as the 9th MSC chief of staff.

“The Soldiers of the 4960th MFTB are some truly dedicated professionals that I have had the privilege to serve with. I know they will support Col. Chovancek as they supported me in my two-and-a-half years in command,” said Araki. “This unit has a bright future, no matter the Army’s circumstances, because they serve an important role. Every Soldier at every level needs training, and this unit has done a superb job in supporting that mission.”

Chovancek comes from Illinois, where he served as the Emergency Preparedness liaison officer in the 76th Operational Readiness Command.

This is not the first training unit that

Chovancek commanded and his experience has set him up for success.

“Because of my experience as the 11th, 100th Military Intelligence Battalion, which is a training unit, I am very sensitive to the unique needs and challenges of a training organization,” said Chovancek. “This is one of the most challenging jobs a Soldier can have. Instructors aren’t just teaching how to do something, they have the ability to convey so much more and they become a mentor to those they teach.”

The 4960th MFTB conducts One Army School System courses to provide fully trained and qualified leaders to multi-component forces and provides mobile training teams in support of joint and multi-national operations in the Pacific.

“I am looking forward to continuing the history of mission success and keeping the unit relevant to the needs of the Army and developing Soldiers within the brigade. I am absolutely amazed by the talent we have here at the 4960th and it is my goal to give Soldiers a great place to serve and work,” said Chovancek.

Chovancek’s mission as brigade commander is to provide a work environment that Soldiers won’t want to leave.

“Dignity, respect, professionalism, and personal development of Soldiers is my priority. I want to ensure Soldiers maintain healthy balances in their life,” said Chovancek. “It’s not about this command — it’s about the whole unit and we all share in our unit’s success. “Everyone in my unit is a leader and expected to give input and observations and I respect their opinion because they are the subject matter experts,” he said.



Col. Twanda “Tia” Young, USAR TSG-Pacific commander, passes the Oahu Detachment guidon to the incoming detachment commander, Maj. Suzanne Rodriguez, at the “four-in-one” consolidated change-of-command ceremony at the United States Army Reserve Daniel K. Inouye Complex, July 26.

25TH CAB AND USAG-HAWAII VS. WILDLAND FIRE



WAHIAWA — Above, a member of the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Wildland firefighters battles the stubborn fire that filled Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa and nearby communities with a pall of smoke this week.

Right, a 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Black Hawk refills a bucket for another aerial assault as the blade wash creates a rainbow. 25th CAB personnel and equipment assisted the Federal Fire Department and state Department of Land and Natural Resources fire teams with water drops on adjacent state lands where the fires had spread into the Ewa Forest Reserve above Wahiawa.

The fire was mostly contained at press time. The Army works in partnership with state and federal agencies and Honolulu Fire Department on these wildland fires.



209th ASB ‘darts’ to recover joint-service aircraft



Left, A Sikorsky CH-53 Sea Stallion from the 463rd Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron lifts a 209th ASB Sikorsky SH-60 Seahawk with the 3rd CLB sling set during a joint DARTEX at Bellows Air Force Station, Jul 30. Right, 3rd Marines Regiment and Bravo Company, 209th ASB's Security Team conduct a search on the opposing force's prisoners of war at Bellows Air Force Station.

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BELLOWS AIR FORCE STATION — Soldiers of Bravo Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, conducted a joint downed aircraft recovery team (DART) exercise to train, validate and enhance their capabilities, Jul 29-30.

During the weeklong training, Co. B leaders taught classes on joint-recovery procedures and covered the proper techniques

for handling Army, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard aircraft equipment. Hands-on demonstrations of recovery equipment use included sling-load rigging classes on the Wheeler Army Airfield flight line. During sling-load classes, the teams trained on the Unit Maintenance Aerial Recovery Kit and the Belly Band System.

Once the training was completed, teams transitioned into the execution phase of the exercise. During this phase, the team's officer in charge received information on the location of an aircraft, the enemy situation, and the need of medical evacuation of personnel on ground.



Capt. Christopher Golab, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Teams were assessed on battle damage assessment and repair, security operations, command and control, and posturing the downed aircraft for extraction. Once on ground, teams used the skills learned to secure the area, call for medical evacuation and sling the downed aircraft to the supporting helicopter.

“The joint DART exercise is definitely a unique experience for our 25th CAB Soldiers,” said Capt. Christopher Golab, lead exercise planner. “It broadens their knowledge and skill set to learn the other capabilities of other services and enhances combat power for every aircraft recovery team across a broad spectrum of DOD elements stationed on Oahu.”

2 SBCT spur ride candidates earn their spurs, respect

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25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Stryker cavalry troopers conducted a time-honored spur ride for the privilege of earning and wearing the coveted silver spurs, July 29-30.

Over a 24-hour period, spur-less troopers (or “spur candidates”) of the 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, visited multiple testing stations here, at Bellows Training Base and at Dillingham Training Area. The candidates were tested on their knowledge of various cavalry-oriented tasks, such as operating communication equipment, reconnaissance and surveillance skills, weapon operation and medical craft.

Also as part of this event, spur candidates experienced physical and mental fatigue while being required to work as a team and demonstrate leadership skills. Of the 76 troopers in the “Strykehorse Squadron” who began the spur ride, 61 of them finished to earn their silver spurs.

Cavalry units of today use spur rides to test and evaluate “shave tails” in reconnaissance skills and mental resolve. The ride can last anywhere from 24 to 96 hours, depending on the unit.

Aside from testing stations, candidates are put through conditions that resemble basic training, including sleep deprivation, physical exertion under stress and receiving corrective action from seasoned, veteran spur holders for failing to work as a team or not performing their skills to standard.

Spur holders test the spur candidates mental resolve by encouraging them to quit, to see if they will surrender to a temporary moment of discomfort and stress, or if they will push onward to earn their spurs. In fact, spur rides are the only events in which a spur holder of junior rank can make a candidate of a higher rank obey his commands ... and it's an opportunity that spur holders don't take for granted.

Yet, even under these stressful conditions, the candidates drive on, motivated by their fellow candidates, and their own desire to earn their distinctive silver spurs.

Earning the silver spurs is a moment of great pride and distinction to cavalry troopers. When worn, it signals to others inside and outside of the unit that the trooper accomplished the rigorous challenges incorporated within a spur ride and earned the respect and loyalty of fellow troopers.

Whenever a new trooper arrives to his or her new unit, being a spur holder increases the professional pride and respect of the unit. Continuing the spur ride event affords cavalry units and troopers an opportunity to celebrate the profession, to build camaraderie and to carry on the cavalry traditions and lore established by their predecessors.

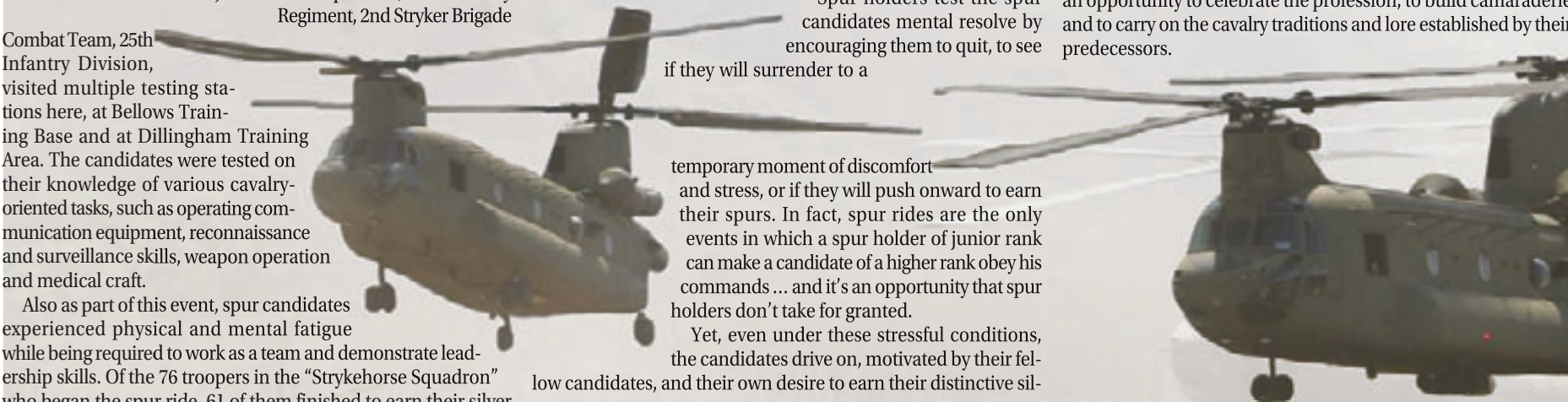


Photo by SSG Cory Walter 2-14th Cav. Regt. , 25th ID
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Spc. Kaleb Wynne, a linguist from Delta Co., 715th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde., answers questions during one of the 205th MI Bn.’s annual language games, July 24, at Fort Shafter. Languages tested included Tagalog, Indonesian and Chinese-Mandarin.

205th MI holds language games for intel linguists

Story and photos by
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FORT SHAFTER — As part of the 205th Military Intelligence Battalion’s continued efforts to cultivate a linguist ethos, the battalion invited Soldiers from across the 500th MI Brigade and the Marine Corps to compete in the annual battalion Language Games, here, July 24.

This year, Spc. Curt Gottschalk and Cpl. Lindsey Hayden from 715th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde., were recognized as the winning team.

The Language Games are a single-day, comprehensive competition to help those with language-dependent military occupation specialties maintain and improve their existing language skills. Soldiers competed in their target languages of Tagalog, Indonesian and Chinese-Mandarin. The games encouraged healthy competition, which pushed linguists to improve proficiency.

The event started with a 10-minute audio clip, and competitors had to answer 20 questions.

“The competition was good, because it challenged you to collaborate with other linguists and share ideas on how each increased their proficiency,” said Spc. Jessica Kelley, linguist, Company D, 715th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde. “It can be fun, but it forces you to improve yourself,”

The competition consisted of other events, including word translation for time, translating a debrief report, providing support to a senior leader, and language trivia. Judges graded teams for grammatical correctness, accuracy and context.

For lunch, competitors provided meals related to their target language culture.

Unit leaders stressed the importance of maintaining excellence in language skills. The event allowed participants to test their skills beyond the standard Defense Language Proficiency Test and mission requirements.

“The event had a good mix of native speakers and Defense Language Institute-trained linguists. It boosted my motivation to increase my understanding of the culture and my language,” said Pfc. Alan Bird, human intelligence analyst, Co. C, 205th MI Bn.

Staff Sgt. James Johnson is the command language program manager for the 205th, and as such, was responsible for planning and coordinating the games.

“This year, the focus was on teamwork,” said Johnson. “Linguists had to prepare for uncertainty, so working together is key.”

Cultural and language awareness supports the mission of regionally aligned forces to operate in today’s complex environment. According to the Army Culture and Foreign Language Strategy, “The Army needs Soldiers and leaders who are culturally competent to support its broad range of military planning and operational activities.”

The event culminated in a battalion awards ceremony. Maj. James Fournier, 205th executive officer, recognized Gottschalk and Hayden with the Army Achievement Medal.



Competitors from the 500th MI Bde. and U.S. Marine Corps pose for a group photo as part of the 205th MI Bn.’s annual language games, July 24, at Fort Shafter.



Spc. Treu Alexi (left) a linguist from Company C, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde., and Spc. Jessica Kelley, a linguist from Company D, 715th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde., participate in the language trivia portion of the 205th MI Bn.’s annual language games, July 24, at Fort Shafter.



Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Public Health Command

Employees in this undated photo check a ventilation system. Loaned or detailed employees account for 40 percent of Occupational Safety and Health Association recordable injuries. The Safety Office recommends supervisors have a discussion about safety prior to these individuals reporting for duty.

Safety guidance for loaned or detailed employees

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News Release

While all employees are exposed to workplace hazards, none are more at risk than loaned or detailed employees. In May, 40 percent of Occupational Safety and Health Association recordable injuries involved employees who were loaned or detailed to other shops during the time of injury.

Never assume loaned or detailed employees know all your workplace hazards.

To ensure there is a clear understanding of the common goal of protecting depot employees, the Safety Office recommends supervisors of the loaned or detailed employee have a discussion prior to, or immediately after, the individual reports for duty.

The supervisor of the loaned or detailed employee must ensure that the employee is trained on the following:

- How to handle a situation if any unsafe condition arises on the job or they are requested to

perform a job they are not qualified or trained for

- Job hazard analysis and other safety procedures for applicable tasks
- Personal protective equipment required on the job, where to go to obtain it and how to use it properly
- Right to work in an environment free of recognized hazards
- Appropriate clothing to wear to work: Items such as long sleeves, baggy pant legs, ties and coats may be dangerous around machinery, as

well as rings, jewelry and long hair.

- Proper use of equipment and tools they will be using to include material-handling devices
- The tagging and reporting of defective tools
- Proper lifting: Bend knees, keep back straight, get good grasp, keep load close to the body and use leg muscles. Always seek help for loads heavier than 45 pounds or too large for single person lift.
- Shop emergency procedures and where fire exits are located.



Traffic Report

Traffic Report lists detours, road work, construction and noise advisories received by press time from U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources.

Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficalendar.htm for the latest Army Hawaii traffic advisories. Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are area code 808.

Today

Karsten Thot — Work to repair and repaint Karsten Thot Bridge (north of Schofield Barracks on Kamehameha Highway) began Monday. This project will prolong the life expectancy of Karsten Thot Bridge while improving vehicular, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety.

Day roadwork takes place 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. without lane closures. Night work may consist of either single lane closures, 9 p.m.-5 a.m., or full closures of the bridge 9 p.m.-4 a.m. During work hours, the height clearance for the bridge will be lowered from 14 feet 4 inches to 12 feet until approximately the end of the year.

For more information, please visit the project

website at www.rrkarstenthot.com or call the project hotline at 518-4576. Lane closure information will also be available on the HDOT website at hidot.hawaii.gov and released through HDOT's social media channels on Facebook and Twitter.

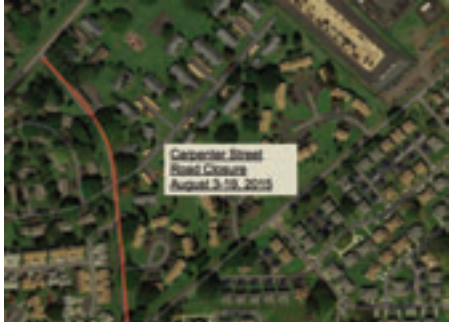
Storm vs. Freeway – On Wednesday, HDOT canceled work on the Pearl City Viaduct widening project. The decision was made as a precaution due to potential impacts from Tropical Storm Guillermo. Further announcements impacting construction this week will be made on a day-to-day basis should conditions change.

Construction on Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa will proceed as scheduled because the 24/7 lane closure is already in place.

For more project information, visit the website at www.pmcontraflow.com or call the project hotline at 945-1144.

No Right Turn — Today A lane is closed from Schofield's southbound Cadet Sheridan Road onto westbound Trimble Road. The right-turn lane going westbound onto Trimble at the Trimble-Cadet Sheridan intersection will be closed. Vehicles will still be able to make the right turn at the Trimble and Cadet Sheridan intersection on the green light only. Large trucks won't be able to make this right turn, and will be rerouted accordingly. The work began yesterday and continues weekdays, 8:30-3:30, until Thursday.


Carpenter — A road closure at Schofield's Carpenter Street that began Monday continues, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (Wednesdays until noon) until Aug. 19, for roadwork and the installation of a new water main. Traffic will be stopped for pedestrians to walk around work area. *(See map below)*




Schofield Barracks

8 / Saturday

WAAF Power Outage — A power outage, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., is scheduled for Wheeler Army Airfield, East Range and Leilehua Golf Course. *(See map at right.)*



new water main line. Construction work will occupy Wilson Road from the entrance of Bldg. 420 to the entrance of the PX parking lot at the intersection of Pierce Street and Wilson Road. Construction will be weekdays, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Traffic on Wilson Road will be restricted to only local traffic to and from Bldg. 420; the PX parking lot entrance at Pierce Street and Wilson Road will still be accessible to two-way traffic; traffic on Montgomery Drive headed towards the PX will be detoured onto Pierce Street; traffic on Warner Road headed towards the PX will be detoured onto Pierce Street between Bldg. 435 and Bldg. 438.



Wheeler Army Airfield

No Kulekole — Schofield's Kulekole Avenue will be closed at Flagler Street and will detour south toward Foote Gate. Traffic from Foote Gate will be detoured to Waianae Avenue. Work will be done overnight and ends Aug. 28.



NEWS Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

No-Cost Training — Yesterday, Tthe VA to-dayon Wednesday launched two new no-cost training programs to help transitioning service members and veterans from all eras learn skills, earn credentials, and advance in civilian careers following separation from service.

Accelerated Learning Programs and VA Learning Hubs offer transitioning service members and veterans the opportunity to build on their world-class training and technical skills gained through their military service, and earn certifications in high-demand fields.

For more information about the VECI or to learn more about VA ALPs and Learning Hubs, contact VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov.

protections for their "consumer credit" transactions. See next week's "Hawaii Army Weekly" for more details.

25 / Saturday

Everyone into the Pool — The Aliamanu Military Reservation community pool reopened Tuesday, and Helemano pool reopens today.

30 / Thursday

MWD Competition — The 728th Military Police Battalion and the 13th MP and 520th Military Working Dog detachments host the 2015 Hawaiian Islands Working Dog Skills Challenge at Schofield Barracks.

MWD teams will compete in physically and mentally demanding K9 skills challenges for dogs and handlers. The public is invited to observe, 7 a.m., on Stoneman Field, near McNair Gate. Call 655-0773.

August

1 / Saturday

Outreach Center Reduces Hours — The Army Community Service Outreach Center at Fort Shafter will reduce its operational hours to once weekly, every Tuesday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Services available include information and referral and the ACS loan closet.

Effective today, Survivor Outreach Services will relocate from Fort Shafter to the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Bldg. 663, Schofield Barracks. The main ACS center at Schofield Barracks will continue to provide services, weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

11 / Tuesday

USAED Recruiting — The U.S. Army Skills Evaluation Detachment invites motivated service members from all branches to attend its briefings. In addition to today and Aug. 12 at both the Schofield Barracks and the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Education Centers, recruiting briefings will take place at Marine Corps Base Hawaii and at Tripler Army Medical Center. See the "Hawaii Army Weekly" online for de-

tailed information or email usaed.rec3@mail.mil.

AFCEA Hawaii — Learn during lunch at the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association buffet luncheon, 11 a.m. (check in) at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena.

Walk-in's are welcome on a space available basis. Visit <http://afcea-hawaii.org/monthly-luncheon-program/luncheon-registration/>.

15 / Saturday

HQDA Sends — GoArmyEd will be closed for fiscal year 2015 11:59 p.m.

Eastern Standard Time for ACTEDS (Central) funded SF-182 requests, group SF-182 requests and training applications funded by the Career Programs. No new SF182s or training applications funded by Career Programs will be processed during this close-out period.

18 / Tuesday

Logistics — Chocolate, coconut water, crackers, coffee, local-style noodles, and baked goods will be among some of the foods presented by 65 companies at the 18th annual American Logistics Hawaii show, 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Hawaii Prince Hotel, Waikiki.

The annual business-to-business show provides Defense Commissary Agency and Army & Air Force Exchange service officials the opportunity to taste-test local products, and to interact one-on-one with Hawaii business owners, before recommending products for commissary and exchange shelves. DeCA and Exchange store directors and buyers will be in attendance.

DeCA grossed over \$5.6 billion dollars annually with sales from four Oahu commissaries accounting for over \$250 million.

September

5 / Saturday

Walk/Run Remembrance — To raise awareness about the mission of the Tripler Fisher House in Hawaii, come honor warriors lost in combat since 9/11 by participating in an 8K

walk/run and boot display.

A motorcycle escort will lead the run and motorcycle clubs will lead the run and proper safety gear are welcome to join. After the 8k, the boots of the fallen will be reassembled on Ford Island at the corner of Enterprise and O'Kane, where they'll remain until Sept 12. This is one display that will leave you breathless when you see them all in one location and get a visual of the sacrifice made on our behalf.

This event will be opened to the public. Ford Island will be easily accessible from 4-10 a.m.

Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/tripler-fisher-house-8k-hero-remembrance-run-walk-or-roll-2015-tickets-16982152074?aff=erelexporg for full details.

21 / Monday

IMCOM Mentors — An application call is on for the 2016 IMCOM Headquarters Centralized Mentorship Program.

Following a program revamp, IMCOM Workforce Development is re-announcing the opportunity to compete. Applications will be accepted from today until Oct. 19, with a program target start date of Jan.10, 2016.

Complete instructions will be available online at https://army.deps.mil/army/cmds/imcom_HQ/G1/TMD/SiteAssets/wfd.aspx, no later than Sept. 1. Previous applicants must re-apply for consideration.

Ongoing

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OPM Data Breach Update — The Office of Personnel Management recently announced a data breach affecting over 21 million individuals. Visit www.opm.gov/cybersecurity.

4204th USAH brings medical skills to TAMC, SBHC

Story and photo by
CAPT. KORENA J. WRIGHT,
4204th U.S. Army Hospital

HONOLULU — Thirty-two medical profes- sional Army Reservists from a Topeka, Kansas - based Army hospital provided patient care at Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Bar- racks Health Clinic for their two weeks of annu- al training, July 11-24.

The Soldiers worked closely with their active- duty counterparts, bringing individual skill sets and knowledge to the table while providing sup- port to the hospital staff and clinic.

Reservists had the chance to learn and cross- train in areas they would not normally be ex- posed to in their civilian careers, allowing them to gain knowledge and experience they may not receive during their monthly battle assemblies or other missions.

Maj. Amy Gray, the mission operations officer and occupational therapist for the 4204th USAH, recognized the benefits of having her unit work at TAMC and Schofield Barracks.

“Citizen Soldiers wear multiple hats,”

said Gray.

“In the ever-changing world of military medicine, participating in annual training in a military treatment facility affords us the oppor- tunity to bring our knowledge and skill set from the civilian world to the military world, and vice versa,” said Gray.

During its two weeks on Oahu, the unit con- ducted 1,687 clinical encounters and worked a combined 1,651 hours. According to Gray, the additional resources provided to the staff and patients in the clinic and support departments made a positive impact on TAMC and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.

“Having additional clinicians has allowed for service members on a waitlist to be seen sooner, thus providing for a more satisfied customer,” stated Gray.

Sgt. Suzanne Jones, pharmacy specialist, ap- preciated the amount of training she received in such a short period of time from the hospital staff.

“Working at TAMC was an amazing experi- ence,” said Jones. “I learned more about phar-

macy responsibilities during this brief mission than I have in any other annual training event.”

During their time off, Soldiers seized the chance to swim, hike, rappel, and rock climb.



Spc. Joshua Gerstenberger, 4204th USAH, col- lects a blood specimen at the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.

“We worked hard and learned a lot, but we also had the opportunity to explore some of the beau- tiful beaches, historic sites and favorite dining spots on Oahu,” added Jones.

The 4204th U.S. Army Hospital

For its two-week annual training on Oahu, the Kansas-based 4204th USAH de- ployed nurses, occupational and physical therapists, medics, lab technicians, radiolo- gy specialists, pharmacy specialists, logisti- cal Soldiers and more.

“Overseas deployment training is a two- week opportunity designed to provide real- istic mobilization for a reserve unit,” said Lt. Col. Derek Morton, chief of Reserve Affairs, Regional Health Command-Pacific. “The training offers Reserve Soldiers an opportu- nity to test their ability to prepare, move and train with their active-duty counter- parts, and then redeploy back to home sta- tion successfully.”

311th Signaleers mix fun and training for org week

Story and photo by
TYLER OGOSHI
311th Signal Command (Theater)

FORT SHAFTER — Waking up before sunrise is second nature for Soldiers in the Army — it’s nothing new.

The 311th Signal Command (Theater) held its annual organizational week, July 13-17, and ev- ery morning brought something unexpected as Soldiers participated in a wide range of early- morning exercises focused on teamwork and fun.

“The intent for organizational week was to fo- cus on events that would bring the unit together through competition and fun while still execut- ing our day-to-day mission,” said Capt. Mark Bonaudi, commander, Headquarters and Head- quarters Company, 311th SC(T). “The first three mornings’ physical readiness training sessions fostered competition, imagination, teamwork, physical fitness and fun.”

Signaleers participated in a scavenger hunt, a relay race at Hickam Beach and Ultimate Frisbee at Aliamanu Military Reservation.

At the Schofield Barracks range, safety is always the No. 1 rule but everyone was encouraged to have fun and enjoy the experience as Soldiers re-certificated on the M-9 and M-16.

“The range was a planned and inevitable event that brought all of the military together outside of the office while we fulfilled a semi-annual train- ing requirement. The ex- citement of training with live ammunition, espe- cially for a strategic sig- nal organization, is al- ways a positive event,” said Bonaudi. “The amount of planning and teamwork that went into this range was a monu- mental event in and of it- self, which forced Sol- diers from across the or- ganization to work to- gether to accomplish a common goal.”

Friday marked the end of the organizational week, and the Soldiers and civilians of the 311th ventured out to Foster’s Point at Hickam Beach, for a day of fun in the sun. In spite of a brief torren- tial downpour, the group

was all smiles and laughs as the weather cleared and the blue skies appeared.

“The week culminated with organizational

day filled with food and fun at the beach where Soldiers, civilians, families and friends could gather and decompress,” Bonaudi said.



Photo by Shanna Bonaudi

Signaleers fo the 311th SC(T) perform physical training at the water’s edge of Hickam Beach during their organizational week’s “Commander Cup” event. The Soldiers got their morning workout with a mixture of push-ups, planks, sit-ups, lunges, sprints, swims and fun .



Clockwise from top: Kristy Balli, business and nonprofit liaison for DFMWR’s NAF Division, is the point person for those interested in starting a home-based business on post; 3-year-old Mia Gomez reads a book at a home-based daycare service on Schofield Barracks; Tabitha Lambert, a professional photographer who operates her business from her home on Schofield Barracks, specializes in outdoor portraits (photos courtesy of Julie Alvarez Photography and Ashley Ackers Photography); Danielle Camidge (back right) poses with the children she watches at her home-based daycare on Schofield Barracks.

On-post home-based business guidelines necessary

Story and photos by
KAREN A. IWAMOTO
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — There are benefits to running a home-based business. Army families move often, which can make it difficult for spouses to maintain a stable career. By working from home, they can grow professionally while earning extra income for their families.

However, it’s not as simple as nailing a sign to a front door and opening shop.

Every Army post is different, but each has rules and regulations governing the types of businesses that are allowed and the manner in which they are run. Those caught operating an unauthorized business may find themselves fielding cease-and-desist orders, threats of legal action or even losing their command sponsorship.

These rules are in place to maintain the harmony of the Army community and avoid entangling the community in legal issues, said Col. Richard Fromm, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii commander.

Added Kristy Balli, the business and nonprofit liaison for the Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) Division, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), “A lot of people have good intentions and being entrepreneurial is great but we live on a federal installation and have to follow state and federal laws.”

This is an important point: USAG-HI is a state-compliant post, which means that in addition to federal rules and regulations, the garrison and business owners must also comply with state laws and regulations.

Peace of mind is priceless

But for those who take the time to follow the rules, the reward is peace of mind.

“We may only be here for three years but that’s three years of clear conscience,” said Tabitha Lambert, an Army spouse and professional photographer based on Schofield Barracks.

She got her state business license and the necessary permits from the state of Hawaii Film Office as soon as she got here and also made sure she had insurance for her business. Even then, it took approximately four weeks for DFMWR to approve her home-based business.

Nonetheless, “if you are going to call yourself a professional, you should act professional,” she said and this means abiding by the rules.

Because her photo shoots are conducted outdoors in natural lighting, she also had to familiarize herself with state rules and laws regulating where and under what circumstances she could photograph.

“You can love photography (as a hobby) but when you transition it to a business, it’s a whole different realm of the world,” Lambert said. “Running my business is not just taking pictures. I would say that taking pictures is about 10 percent of what I do. The other 90 percent is networking, doing paperwork, volunteering (promotional work).”

Extra precaution for child-care providers

Danielle Camidge, a child-care specialist who runs a daycare from her home on Schofield Barracks went through an even stricter screening process to get her home-based business off the ground.

“All child-care providers have to go through (DFMWR’s) Family Child Care (FCC) program,” said Angela Austin, who oversees DFMWR’s FCC program. “They must go through a 45-hour training program that prepares them to work with children and run a business. They must go through extensive background checks, the same background checks that Child, Youth and Services employees go through, as well as home inspec-

tions.

“They are independent contractors and must register with the state as a business, but they have to follow and maintain Army standards,” Austin continued, “including ensuring children in their care are in a safe environment, developing a curriculum that ensures the children are learning and growing, and serving meals that meet U.S. Department of Agriculture standards.”

Camidge said it took her five months to complete the training and inspections necessary for her business to open. “The utmost important aspect to remember during this time is that the system is in place to ensure quality care and the safety of children,” she added.

Cost-benefit analysis

Ultimately, whether the benefits of operating a home-based business outweigh the costs depends on each Army family’s specific situation.

Lambert encouraged potential entrepreneurs to research the business they want to start and network with others in the field.

“I could not have known step-by-step what I needed to do (to start my business) had I not networked with other military spouses who’d been through it before and encouraged me to follow the rules,” she said, noting specifically the help she received from the Hawaii Military Spouse Photographers, a network of spouses, past and present, who are serious about photography and making sure that it is done correctly.

Camidge offered the following advice for those interested in providing on-post child care, “Talk extensively with your family and make sure they are on board. It’s a whole family effort to ensure that rules and regulations are begin followed...and with it being a home-based business.

It truly is up to the entire family to contribute to ensure your business is a success.”

Home-based Business Basics

At a minimum, you must:

- Have a state business license and pay state taxes
- Submit an application through DFMWR
- Undergo background checks
- Alert a neighborhood community center

For more information, call DFMWR’s Kristy Balli at 656-0083

Not Allowed:

- Businesses serving or distributing food/beverages prepared in a home kitchen
- Barber shops and beauty salons
- Gyms and personal-fitness trainers
- Retail businesses found to be in direct competition with retailers operating on post
- Store fronts



Briefs
Today

Grill Your Own Steak Night — FS Hale Ikena presents a savory feature, 3-8 p.m., every first and third Friday of the month. Grill your own steak, or we'll be glad to do it for you for an additional cost. Served with a baked potato and chef's choice of vegetable. Call 438-1974.

Tropics Renovations — Tropics Recreation Center will be closed until early fall 2015 for building improvements. Renovations will include- A full bar, redesigned bar layout additional TV screens, upgraded beverage and food menus and much more. Check back for updates on our website, HiMWR.com.

Outdoor Recreation Special — All weekend programs through Sept. 30 are 50 percent off. Learn more at HiMWR.com or call 655-0143.

8 / Saturday

AMR Parents Night Out — CYS offers this service to parents of CYS Services registered keiki, 6-11 p.m., at AMR CDC, Bldg. 1783; and AMR School Age Center, Bldg. 1782. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis at the Parent Central Services office at AMR, 833-5393.

Movies on the Lawn — Enjoy a free movie under the stars at Weyand Field. Activities start at 6 p.m. and the movie "Despicable Me 2" begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and snacks.

10 / Monday


Workweek Lunch — Enjoy lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m for only \$10.95/per person at SB's Kolekole Bar & Grill and FS's Mulligan's Bar & Grill. Order off the menu or help yourself to the multi-item buffet. Call 655-4466 (SB) or 438-1974 (FS). Review menus at www.himwr.com/dining/kolekole-bar-a-grill/kolekole-lunch-buffet and www.himwr.com/dining/hale-ikena/hale-ikena-lunch-buffet-menu for the week's current lunch specials.

Mongolian Barbeque — Monday "create your own stir fry" begins at 5 p.m. on Mondays at the Nehe-lani. Delicious, healthy food that you can custom create in endless different ways using a variety of meats, poultry, seafood, vegetables, sauces and spices. Children's menu is available. Cost is 65 cents for each ounce. Call 655-4466.

11 / Tuesday

ACS Outreach Center — The



SATURDAY AT WEYAND FIELD



Despicable Me 2

Movies on the Lawn

Saturday, August 8, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks



HIMWR.com
Info: 808-655-0113

Join us as we celebrate going back to school with a FREE family movie on the big screen.

6:00p.m. - Minion Madness activities begin
7:00p.m. - Costume parade and group photo
7:30p.m. - Despicable Me 2 movie showing

Take part in our costume parade by wearing a yellow shirt and blue bottoms. Come early to set up your blankets and chairs. Outside picnic coolers are welcome and FREE popcorn will be available while supplies last. Please no glass or alcoholic beverages.

FS ACS Outreach Center will reduce its operational hours to once weekly, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Services available include information and referral and the ACS loan closet. The SB ACS main center will continue services from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 655-1710.

12 / Wednesday

BOSS — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are highly encouraged to attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday of the month to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Get involved and make a difference.

•South meetings are held at FS Bowling Center at 10 a.m., every second and fourth Wednesday.
•North meetings are held at SB Tropics, at 3 p.m., every first and third Wednesday.

FS Library — Kids! Let's go Crazy with Duct Tape! Make your school supplies stand out with Duct Tape, beginning at 3:30 p.m., while supplies last. Call 438-9521.

15 / Saturday

ODR Surfing — Learn to surf like a local as Outdoor Recreation goes to the south shores of Oahu at White Plains, 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. This is a great beginner location for all ages.

Outdoor Rec. will provide the transportation, equipment, and instruction. All you need to bring is water, snacks, and sunscreen. Must be able to tread water for at least 6 minutes and swim 200 yards. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation no later than Noon the day before the program. Cost is \$30 per person. Call 655-9046.

17 / Monday

Family and MWR Hiring Fair — Want to make a difference in the lives of Soldiers and Families? Consider joining the MWR team. The Hiring Fair will take place, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Leilehua Golf Course.

See MWR B-6



Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com

Today

Alice (in Wonderland) — Ballet Hawaii joins the Washington Ballet to present this timeless story based on the Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," Aug. 7-9 at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. Tickets range from \$35-\$99. Ticket and event information is available from the Blaisdell Box Office located at 777 Ward Avenue during regular box office hours; Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information call (808) 521-8600 or visit www.ballet.hawaii.org.

First Friday Street Festival — Honolulu's Chinatown and the art district nightlife comes alive every first Friday of the month, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., with entertainment, food and

activities. Sponsored by Arts District Merchant Association. Call 521-1812; visit www.artsdistricthonolulu.com.

8 / Saturday

Kolekole — The SB Kolekole Walking/Hiking Trail is open Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., to DOD ID cardholders and their guests. Do not park at the trail from 6:30 p.m.-5:30 a.m. Violators will be ticketed. Use the trail and walking path at your own risk and only during permitted hours.

Hickam Free Preview — A free advanced screening of "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." will be offered at 4 p.m. at the Hickam Memorial Theater. Free tickets are available at the Hickam Food Court and seating will be offered beginning at 2 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Kuhio Beach Hula Show — Free show, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue, weather permitting. Call 843-8002. Cameras are welcome and seating is available

on the grass, beach chairs, and mats.

12 / Wednesday

National Women's Equality Day — Observance 10-11:30 a.m. at the Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel, Bldg. 679, 1470 Wright Ave., celebrates women's right to vote. Hosted by the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, USARHAW and EO/E. Contact/R.S.V.P with SFC Lombardo, 656-2653.

16 / Sunday

Shrek the Musical — Due to high demand, the tale of a hulking green ogre will run through Aug. 16 at Diamond Head Theatre. Call 733-0274 or visit www.diamondheadtheatre.com.

22 / Saturday

Na Koa Wounded Warrior Regatta — Registration is underway now for the 2015 Na Koa Wounded Warrior Regatta, Aug. 22, at Fort DeRussy Beach. This event supports and honors wounded warriors. It's open to all categories of military, including active duty, retired, combat veterans, National Guard, reservists and Gold

Star families. Register at Nakoaregatta.org.

Ongoing

Federal Survey Cards — On Sept. 2, a Federal Survey Card will be distributed to every Hawaii public school student as part of the Federal Impact Aid Program that partially reimburses school districts that lose revenue due to the presence of tax-free federal properties. The card needs to be completed and returned to your child's school the very next day.

If you have contact your child's school or the Army School Liaison Office at 655-8326.

Housing Update — The Schofield Housing Services Office (HSO) has relocated to Trailer #2818 Duck Road. New contact phone numbers are 655-4206/4207/5660. POC is Pam Hirota at 438-1518.

Out of the Darkness — The community is invited to walk to prevent suicide at 8 a.m., Sept. 12, at Ala Moana Beach Park/Magic Island. Visit www.afsp.org/walk to register or call 271-8582.



Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers' Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**
- Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF



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Magic Mike XXL (R)

Fri., Aug. 7, 7 p.m.

Terminator Genesis (PG-13)

Sat., Aug. 8, 4 p.m.

Mad Max (PG)

Sat., Aug. 8, 7 p.m.

Inside Out (PG)

Sun., Aug. 9, 2 p.m.

Ted 2 (R)

Thurs., Aug. 13, 7 p.m.



No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

- 8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
- 25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
- ACS: Army Community Service
- AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
- AFTB: Army Family Team Building
- AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

- ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
- BCT: Brigade Combat Team
- BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
- Co.: Company
- CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
- EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
- FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

- Recreation
- FRG: Family Readiness Group
- FS: Fort Shafter
- HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
- IPC: Island Palm Communities
- PFC: Physical Fitness Center
- SB: Schofield Barracks

- SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
- USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
- USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Renters urged to prepare, beware

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — Just about every renter has a story, and many don’t end as well as they should. Some renters end up paying for repairs, losing their deposits, running into scams online and hashing things out in small claims court, and, to be sure, landlords have their own horror stories about tenants. But Van Danford, chief of housing, Fort Rucker, wants to share some expert tips for would-be renters that could prove beneficial in the long run.

“We are here to take care of Soldiers and their families. We just want to get them the right house for their needs, whatever those needs are,” said Danford. “The biggest thing that I would advise Soldiers to do is to come into the housing services office so we can make sure they are going to sign a lease that’s legal.”

New resources call for caution
Nowadays, many families like the convenience of shopping for a new home online, and while that is a great feature of modern technology, Danford said, people need to be careful. “There are some great and reliable websites to find homes on — realtor sites, www.militarybyowner.com and www.housing.army.mil — are all great sites to find rental homes. Danford said to never put any money down or sign anything sight unseen.

“Pictures can be deceiving on the Internet,” said Danford. “And pictures can be really old and outdated.” Danford added to always shop and compare houses or apartments, and to drive by the property at night to see how it looks. “If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is,” said Gaye Hines, Human Services Office, Fort Rucker, resident liaison. “Just because you are afraid to miss out on a great deal you found on the Internet, don’t put money down on a rental without going inside it first.”

Doublecheck all leases
Even if a Soldier is renting from a friend, coworker or another Soldier, be advised to bring in the lease so officials can make sure the family is protected and that they are signing a lease with a military clause.



Photo courtesy of Army News Service

Many families prefer the convenience of shopping for a house or apartment online but they should be aware that they should never put money down or sign anything sight unseen.

Whether it is a permanent change of station or finding a new residence in the area, if a Soldier begins to have difficulty negotiating with their landlord about deposits and damages, they are encouraged to pay a visit

why you would want to take the lease to look over, then you probably don’t want to rent from them in the first place.”

One of the most important steps in moving into a rental home is to make a very detailed checklist of everything that is wrong with the house, Hines said.

“It does not matter how big or small the issue is — protect yourself. Something that might not have been a big deal to you when you first moved in might be a huge deal when you try to move out,” she said. “Don’t be too busy to do that critical step, and always try to take date-stamped photos.”

Take an extra step
Hines suggests asking for the last occupant’s checkout list. “That way you will have an idea of what to look out for and be aware of,” she said. “It is especially helpful if you viewed the home when water and power were not hooked up. Once you get that turned on and move in, you might notice more discrepancies that need to either be noted or taken care of.”

If a Soldier feels like they are going to have a problem or is currently having a problem, Hines said they can come to HSO and ask for a staff member to be a third party at the checkout.



to the HSO. “When renting, families need to decide for sure if a certain house is the one they want. Once they put down a security deposit, the deposit will be nonrefundable if they change their minds,” Hines said. “Don’t rush into a home. All Soldiers are authorized 10 nights of temporary lodging expense between each duty station to stay in a hotel while they find suitable housing.”

Take a breath
Danford suggests taking a new lease home to look over before it is signed. “Don’t feel pressured to sign your lease then and there. Bring it to us and we will be happy to check it out for you,” he said. “If your realtor or landlord doesn’t understand

Army housing help available from USAG-HI

BY KAREN A. IWAMOTO
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and families stationed on Oahu can turn to U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Housing Services Office, which is overseen by the Directorate of Public Works Housing Division, if they have questions or concerns about a lease or rental agreement. Joey Sanchez, chief of Housing Services, said the main thing is to ensure Soldiers are aware of their rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and how it affects their lease or rental agreement.

“Under the SCRA, lease termination is effective on the last day of the month following the month in which proper notice (written with accompanying permanent change-of-station orders) is delivered to the landlord,” she said. “For example, if the Soldier gives the landlord a request for termination on Aug. 20, the effective date of move-out is Sept. 30. It is difficult to meet the terms of the SCRA if the Soldier does not receive orders in a timely manner.”

The Housing Services Office also currently issues temporary lodging allowance (TLA) certificates, mediates landlord/tenant issues, conducts off-post rental inspections if requested by the owner or tenant, provides utility waivers, processes discrimination complaints, inspects and certifies hotels included in the TLA program, and provides transportation to view prospective off-post properties, among other things. Sanchez noted that these services could be reduced in the future.

USAG-HI Housing Services

The Housing Services Office takes daily walk-in appointments at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. Hours are subject to change:

Fort Shafter
111 7th Street
Bldg. 1004
438-1518/3820
8 a.m.-noon; 1-4 p.m.

Schofield Barracks
215 Duck Road
Trailer 2818 (look for sign; trailer is accessible by stairs, no ramp)
655-4206/5660
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Volunteers’ dedication to troops, families recognized

SGT. JON HEINRICH
8th Theater Sustainment Command
Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Na Koa Award Volunteer Ceremony is a quarterly ceremony that honors and recognizes U.S. Army Hawaii community’s most dedicated volunteers. This ceremony was held at the Nehelani, here, July 29.

“The power of one volunteer can create a wave of change that leaves an everlasting footprint for the next generation to follow,” said ceremony narrator Jack Wiers, U.S. Army Hawaii and Garrison-Hawaii public affairs. “Truly your dedicated service is helping to keep our families strong and our force moving forward in these lean fiscal times.”

8th TSC spouse recognized
Mrs. Marizel Mihal, the family readiness group leader for Forward Support Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, was one of four civilians recognized for her volunteer service.

Her contributions of more than 360 hours as the FRG Leader since October 2014 reflected a variety of unit work.

“I’ve just been the FRG leader for FSC, so I’ve just been organizing events for the family members” Mihal said. “When they went to JRTC (Joint Readiness Training Center) I made sure the families were entertained weekly with activities and coordinated getting volunteers to help me out.”

“I will continue volunteering with the FRG until my husband’s change of command,” Mihal said. “My new interest is to volunteer at the thrift shop on Schofield.”

Mihal likes the idea of the thrift shop and how it complements the Army’s initiative to ‘go green.’

“It is wonderful how people donate and give,” Mihal continued. “We sort through everything and put it on display for customers. The prices are great and we keep it green by reusing items others have no use for anymore.”

For Mihal, volunteering is more than a way to kill time.

“It’s a passion,” Mihal said. “If you feel you could bring something positive to an organization get involved, volunteer and inspire people. Make them feel welcome and treat them how you would want to be treated.”



Photos by Sgt. Jon Heinrich, 8th TSC, Public Affairs and Andrea Latimore, Family and MWR

Marizel Mihal (left), the family readiness group leader for FSC, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, join other awardees are recognized for their volunteer service at the Quarterly Na Koa Award Volunteer Ceremony, July 29, at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center.



Left photo, Marizel Mihal, the FAP leader for FSC, 84th Eng. Bn., joins husband, Capt. Christopher Mihal, FSC commander, at the Quarterly Na Koa Award Volunteer Ceremony, July 29. Right photo, Brig. Gen. Patrick Matlock, deputy commanding general-Support, 25th Infantry Division (far right) joins Na Koa award recipients (left to right), Mihal; Lina Garcia, FRG group leader, C-Battery, 2-11 Field Artillery, 25th ID; and Angela Baker, FRG for F-Company, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, following the award presentation.

Dig past ‘gap of understanding’ and life’s a beach

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Reclining my beach chair to the third notch, I sink deeply into the brightly striped canvas. Blinded by the sun, I grope for my cold beverage, safely ensconced in its Huggie, and dislodge it from the cup holder at the end of the armrest. I draw a long icy sip, letting the cold carbonation fizzle a moment on my tongue before swallowing. My heels wiggle to create two cool ditches for my feet, the sand sifting softly through my toes.

Eyes closed, I soak up the sun, hear the rhythmic splashing of the surf, and feel the gentle ocean breeze.

Ahhh ...

“Hey Lisa! Are you ready to get beat?” I hear 20 minutes into a deliciously sweaty pseudo nap. It’s Ralph. He and his wife, Pam, are under their beach umbrella, and he’s goading me to play ladderball. The day before, I paired up with a fellow vacationer named Grace, and somehow, we managed to win the ladderball championship for the day. Not bad for two middle-aged mothers.

While I try to think of an excuse to stay in my beach chair, Ralph makes his way down to the ocean for a dip. Although Ralph spends most of the day under his umbrella, he gets up occasionally to “go for a swim” (we all know to stay



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MEAT & POTATOES OF LIFE

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upcurrent) or play a quick game of ladderball or cornhole before going back to his Bud Lite.

I can’t remember which summer it was that our family met Ralph and Pam, but we see them every year, along with other folks who vacation at the same beach. There’s Grace and Steve, Pete and Luanne, Eddie and Nancy, Bobbie and Dan, Al and Gwon, Keith and Laura, and others.

We’ve all been renting beach houses on Hickory Trail for many years, and met eventually, chatting from umbrella to umbrella. Playing beach games. Sharing cold beverages. Watching each other’s kids grow up.

We didn’t need to know much about our “Beach Buddies” lives away from Hickory Trail. We already knew that Ralph is hilarious. Grace is happy-go-lucky. Eddie brings fireworks. Pete reads books. Bobbie wears cute hats. Al’s a great volleyball player. Pam makes

awesome sandwiches.

Nothing else seemed to matter. But this summer, while lounging under our respective umbrellas, conversations stretched with the shadows into the late afternoon. While telling stories to avoid the hassle of cooking dinner, we learned new things about each other.

Ralph has seven siblings, three of which were in the Army. Pam and Ralph’s son is stationed at Fort Bragg. Pete served in Army Intelligence for several years before taking over his family’s bakery business. Eddie’s son works as a civilian for the military. Keith is a retired Marine.

Like toes wiggling in the sand, we dug a little deeper, and were pleasantly surprised to find a common reverence for military life.

“C’mon Lisa,” Ralph chides on his way back from the water, “Are you and Grace ready to defend your title?”

I peel myself out of the comfy canvas nest and wave at Grace to join me on the ladderball court. While Ralph and the gang heckle us mercilessly, Grace and I surprise ourselves with our third straight win.

After some awkward middle-aged high fives, we circle our chairs around to share more

laughs and stories with this random cluster of eclectic personalities. The press and political pundits say there is “gap of understanding” between military and civilians, and that we need to worry about the increasing “military-civilian divide.” But on this Carolina beach, there is only camaraderie and mutual respect.

As the sun dips low in the sky, I’m hopeful the tides are changing.

(A 20-year military spouse and mother of three, Molinari has plenty of humor to share in her column, “The Meat and Potatoes of Life,” which appears in military and civilian newspapers and at www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com.)



Courtesy photo

The author finds that sometimes the beach is a place to find commonality.

New brain injury technology approved

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

A new handheld medical device for analyzing brain injuries has been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The Ahead 200 was recently cleared by the FDA to help clinicians assess mildly-presenting head-trauma patients.

The device, which was developed by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command’s Combat Casualty Care Research Program, or CCCRP, and the BrainScope Company, Inc., uses commercial smartphone technology to analyze a patient’s brain activity for signs of a traumatic brain injury within 24 hours of the injury.

Needed Tool

“Traumatic brain injuries have been one of the signature injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Lt. Col. Chessley Atchison, program manager for the Technology Enabled Capability Demonstration: Brain in Combat portfolio of the CCCRP. “There is a great need for a tool like this in theater. A normal [electroencephalogram] machine is a big piece of machinery and can’t be used in the field.”

The device works by measuring the brain’s electrical activity via a disposable headset that is placed on the forehead. Once recorded, the Ahead 200 uses algorithms, which quantify and characterize activity associated with traumatic brain injuries. Used in conjunction with other tools, the Ahead 200 medical device will help assist clinicians in the real-time screening and care of warfight-

ers with head injuries.

“The size and ease of use of the Ahead 200 allows medics to triage wounded warfighters quickly,” Atchison said. “Our goal is to not only save lives, but to ensure the best possible outcome for those injured in the line of duty, and tools like the Ahead 200 help us reach that goal.”

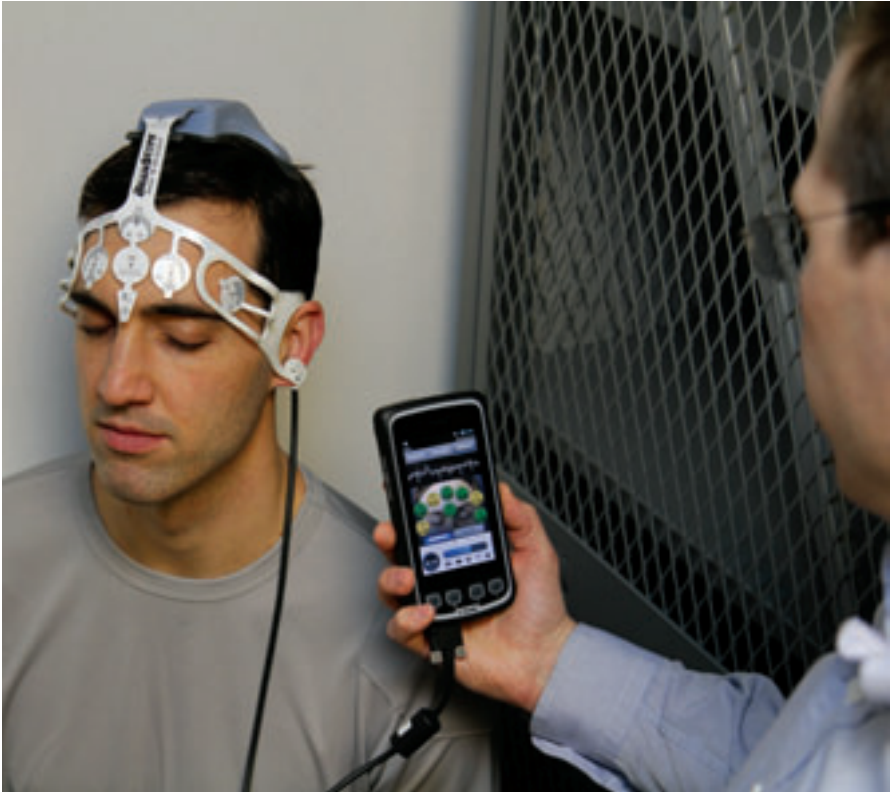


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TRICARE targets mental-health benefits

TRICARE
News Release

TRICARE and Military OneSource are co-hosting a webinar to educate TRICARE beneficiaries about their mental-health benefits. After the overview of the mental-health benefits, the subject matter expert will give an update on the Autism Care Demonstration.

This webinar will take place Wednesday, Aug. 12, at noon EST.

Limited availability

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited due to system capacity. Questions will be answered at the end of the webinar. Participants must avoid sharing personal health information when asking a question.

TRICARE covers mental health care that is medically or psychologically necessary. There are many different types of outpatient and inpatient

mental-health care, and the coverage varies by the type of care.

The TRICARE Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration covers applied behavior analysis for all TRICARE beneficiaries diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

The featured speaker for this event is Dori Rogut. Rogut is a psychiatric nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist with over 30 years experience in the field of psychiatric mental health nursing. She has worked for the Department of Defense for the past 12 years in different positions encompassing both clinical and administrative policy roles.

More information about TRICARE’s mental-health benefits and the Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration can be found on the TRICARE website.

Register Online
Webinar sign up at
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/648608982885703146>



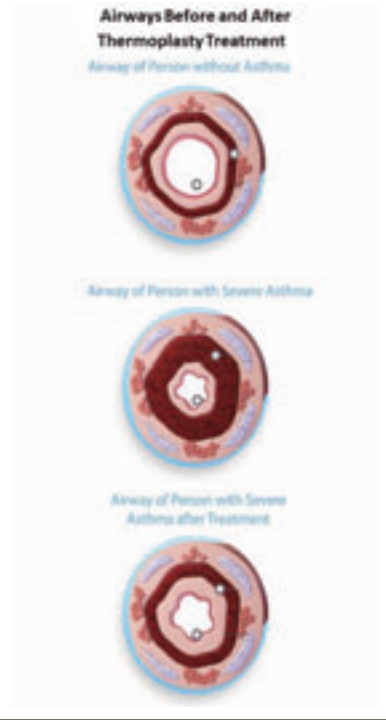
TAMC TIP

Asthma

In Hawaii 125,000 adults and children suffer from asthma. The effects can be debilitating, causing trips to the emergency room, avoidance of favorite activities, and absenteeism at work and school.

Until recently there have been few alternatives for patients suffering asthma symptoms despite taking their prescribed medication.

Today, Tripler Army Medical Center offers severe asthma sufferers an exciting new option to help control their disease. For more information, call your Primary Care Provider.



SB Exchange turns keiki into Jedi Knights on Sunday

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is teaming up with Disney/Lucas Films to offer Star Wars “Jedi at the Exchange.”

Calling all potential Padawans!
Children ages 4-12 can don a robe and pledge the Jedi Oath under the tutelage of a Jedi Master. Event will take place at the Schofield Main Exchange, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., on Sunday Aug. 9. Hickam Exchange will host the event 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8. Junior Jedi knights will learn to use the Force at this 15-minute training academy as they prepare to meet the Dark Side. Event will include:

- Light Saber Safety
- Light Saber Demonstration
- Certificate of Completion
- Photo

Parents are encouraged to sign up your child(ren) early at your Exchange Power Zone (Electronic department) to participate in this one of a kind event. Sign up is limited to 60-70 children per hour and will be taken on a first come first serve basis. On the day of the event sign up will be limited to open spots.

Schofield Exchange shoppers can also register for giveaways and get the latest and greatest Disney merchandise.

Electronics sweepstakes
AAFES is partnering to offer military shoppers a high-tech upgrade in the form of \$25,000 worth of electronics and vacation trips. Just in time for back-to-school, six Exchange winners will take home a laptop, a tablet, a portable digital music player and a \$25 gift card. “Each prize package is worth \$2,100 and comes with enough processing power to support every facet of an active lifestyle,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “From streaming music and videos to surfing the web, this sweepstakes has something for everyone.” Authorized shoppers 18 and older can enter the sweepstakes from Aug. 7-Sept. 3 and the drawing will take place on or around Sept. 9.

Win a trip to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens
AAFES shoppers can get their thrills on land or sea with the latest “Because of You” contest. Three authorized shoppers will win a trip for four to the SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park of their choice. The giveaway, sponsored by SeaWorld and Coca-Cola, is part of the Exchange’s “Because of You” program, a

yearlong effort to recognize and reward service members for their sacrifice and dedication.

Winners can choose to visit Busch Gardens locations in Tampa, Florida, or Williamsburg, Virginia, or SeaWorld locations in Orlando, Florida, San Antonio, Texas, or San Diego, California, with three guests. Winners will receive round-trip airfare and accommodations worth \$4,450.



Photos by Irvine Gourdine, The Fort Bragg Paraglide

FORT BRAGG — Kids gather at the North Post Exchange, here, June 6, to become padawans and learn the ways of the Force.

MWR JOB OPPORTUNITIES



HIRING FAIR

August 17, 2015

Leilehua Golf Course Ballroom
10am - 2pm
Open to the public
No gate access required

- ✓ On-site interviews
- ✓ Dress for success
- ✓ Part-time/Full-time positions available
- ✓ Volunteer opportunities





For more information

☎ 656-0129

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Directions

Start on H2 heading north

Take exit 7 toward N/Mililani Tech Park

Turn right onto Leilehua Rd/Wikao St

Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Leilehua Rd

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MWR: Events to watch

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20 / Friday
BOSS “Life Skills” Adventure — Learn survival skills, while building confidence and teamwork. This two day adventure includes: Ocean Awareness, Basic Knot Tying, Fishing, CPR, Scuba Diving, Water Rescue, Stand-Up Paddle, Kayaking and more!! This event is open to Active Duty Single Soldiers only.
Registration forms must be received NLT 4 p.m., August 10. Space is limited so register NOW! Transportation, campground, meals, and prizes will be provided. Contact your BOSS representative at 655-1130.

26 / Wednesday
ACS Spouses Boots to Business — The Employment Readiness Program can help you if your dream is starting or owning your own business during this two day event, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Aug. 28, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This class gives participants training to develop the knowledge and tools required to identify a business opportunity, draft a business plan and launch your enterprise. To register you may call ACS at 655-4227 or reserve a space by registering online: http://www.trumba.com/calendars/army_community_service_calendar.

28 / Friday
Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Enjoy delicious local-style food, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every last Friday of the month. Cost is \$14.95/per person. Call SB Kolekole Bar & Grill at 655-4466 or FS Hale Ikena at 438-1974 for reservations or more information.

SB Right Arm Night — Kick back with your “Right Arm” with drink specials and a pupu buffet beginning at 5 p.m. Spouses and DoD Civilians welcome. Play in the Texas Hold’em Tournament for prizes! Call 655-4466 for more information.
Bring your “right arm” out to compete for the \$100 MWR Buck prize! This is an adult event.